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## CAMELLIAS and AZALEAS of MERIT

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**WIGHT NURSERY & ORCHARD COMPANY** 

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## **CAMELLIA JAPONICAS**



Pink Perfection

ROBABLY no group of plants is more typical of the South than Camellia Japonicas. Although they have been grown for many years in Southern gardens, they are each year becoming increasingly This is shown by the thousands of people who visit the famous Middleton Place Gardens and Magnolia Gardens in Charleston, S. C., during Camellia flowering season.

When Camellias were considered hard to grow and were relatively expensive plants, most people were content with one or two specimens on the lawn. Now that their growing habits are better understood and the price of plants greatly reduced, they are being planted in many gardens about the foundation of the house, and in border plantings.

Camellias thrive in a wide variety of Their chief requirement is that the soil be well drained. They are succeeding equally well in the stiff clays of middle Georgia and the lighter sandy lands of Florida. Fertilize liberally with stable manure if it is available; if not, any good grade of commercial fertilizer will be satisfactory, being careful that the fertilizer does not come in direct contact with

Camellias are relatively free from diseases and pests. The Camellia scale is its worst enemy although this can be readily controlled with one or two annual sprayings with oil emulsion. However, we have seen old plants of Camellias in excellent condition which have never been

sprayed.

In transplanting it is important that Camellias be partially shaded for the first year or two until they become well established. After this time they will stand either partial shade or full sun. If the location selected for planting

Camellias is in full sun, a small shade of burlap will protect it during the first few years.

Camellias begin blooming in November, with the height of the season occurring in January. The fact that they bloom during the winter months when practically no other flower is in bloom, makes them especially desirable in every garden. With the low prices at which we are now offering them, no home grounds should be without them.

#### GROUP I STANDARD VARIETIES

# SARA FROST. An old favorite in the South. Strong grower. Attains enormous size; well formed double flowers, rather late, outside petals very deep rose shading to a light rose pink toward center. This variety is well worth planting as an evergreen to say nothing of it being a profuse bloomer.

- SEMI-DOUBLE PINK. Medium strong grower, dark glossy green foliage; medium sized semidouble, deep pink flowers. January to March.
- LIGHT PINK. Good grower similar to Sara Frost, lighter pink flowers.
- **DEEP PINK.** Very dark foliage; rather spreading growth. Flowers medium deep pink, showing yellow stamens in center.
- VARIEGATED. Well shaped variegated flowers; double deep pink with white variegation. Strong upright grower.
- SASANQUA, WHITE. Small pointed foliage: flowers small single white, showing yellow stamens. Resembles Cherokee Rose.

#### PRICES

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| 2 yr. 12-15 in. fro | m pots:      | .35 3.00   | 25.00       |
| 3 yr. 18-24 in. fr  | om pots      | .50 4.50   | 40.00       |
| 4 yr. 18-24 in. bl  | ooming size  | .80 7.50   | 60.00       |
| 4 yr. 2-2½ ft.      | B/B 1        | .00 9.00   | 80.00       |
| 5 yr. 2-3 ft.       | B/B 2        | .00 17.50  | 150.00      |
| 6 yr. 3-4 ft.       | B/B 5        | .00 45.00  | 400.00      |



Camellia Glory of Nantes

## CAMELLIA JAPONICA—Continued MOST POPULAR SOUTHERN VARIETIES GROUP II

CHRISTMAS GLORY. Peony type flowers, medium large. Very dark red in bud, open flowers bright Christmas red; very prolific bloomer, one of the best.

HONOR OF AMERICA. Large semi-double, soft pink; very large loosely arranged petals, stamens occasionally between petals. A very desirable variety.

PINK PERFECTION. Medium small, delicate shell pink flowers, very double; small petals symmetrically arranged, early, profuse bloomer.

ALBA PLENA. Pure white, full double; medium large flowers. Blooms early, often in late September and October. The most popular double white.

ALTHEA FLORA. Very vigorous grower, dark green foliage; beautiful semi-double flowers, rich pink showing an orange tint. Shape of open flowers resembles Althea.

#### PRICES-GROUP II

|  | Each    | <b>1</b> 0 |
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| 1 yr. 8-10 in. from pots                           | .\$ .35 | \$3.00     |
| 2 yr. 12-15 in. from pots                          | 50      | 4.50       |
| 3 yr 18-24 in. from pots                           |         | 6.50       |
| 4 yr. 18-24 in. blooming size                      |         | 12.50      |
| $4 \text{ yr. } 2-2\frac{1}{2} \text{ ft. } B.\&B$ |         | 17.50      |
| 5 yr. 2-3 ft. B.&B                                 |         | 35.00      |
| 6 yr. 3-4 ft. B.&B                                 | . 7.50  | 70.00      |

#### RARE CAMELLIAS

We have in very limited quantity, the following named varieties of Camellias grafted on vigorous understocks. The grafts are one year old on three-year roots. If you must have the best in Camellias, you'll want these at \$2.50 each. Also a few two-year grafts at \$3.50 each.

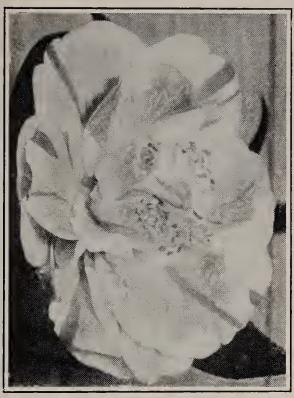
**ABBY WILDER.** Peony shaped white, sometimes having a touch of pink. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

ANGELO BOTTI. Double deep red with a few white markings. \$2.50.

ANNA FROST. Semi-double cherry pink. \$2.50. AUGUSTE DELFOSSE. Double red. \$2.50 and \$3.50.



Camellia Althea Flora



Camellia Souv. de Henri Guichard

BICOLOR DE LA REINE. Double flesh white

with pink markings. \$2.50.

CHANDALERII ELEGANS. Double pink and white variegated. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

COMTE DE COMER. Double fiesh pink with a

few markings of carmine. \$2.50.

COMTESSE NIEPORT. Dbl. white, pink markings, peony type. \$2.50.

DONKALERI. Double red with white blotches.

\$2.50 and \$3.50.

DUC DE BRABANT. Light salmon pink with \$2.50 and \$3.50.

deeper pink striates.
GLORY OF NANTES.
rose. \$2.50 and \$3.50.
EUGENNE LEZZE. Do Large semi-double, deep

Double white with red mark-\$2.50. ings.

H. A. DOWNING. Very large semi-double bright \$2.50. vermilion.

Large semi-double pink and white va-HERME. riegated, fragrant. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

HERMOSA. Li veined. \$2.50. Light pink, double, petals distinctly

Double pure white. \$2.50. IL-CYGNO.

IPERATOR. Very large double deep salmon pink, irregular petals, intermixed with golden IMPERATOR. \$2.50. stamens.

JARVIS RED. Very dark red, semi-double.

JENNY LIND. Double white with delicate pink stripes. \$2.50.

LATIFOLIA. Large bright red, single. \$2.50.

LADY DE SAUMEREZ. Semi-double cherry pink, white stripes. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Full double, vivid cherry red. MADAM LEBOIS. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

MARGHARITA CALCONIE. Very large crimson, spotted white. \$2.50.

**OBILLISSIMA.** Creamy white petals interspersed with yellow stamens, full double, \$2.50 NOBILLISSIMA. and \$3.50.

PRINCE ALBERT. Double soft pink with darker markings. \$2.50.

PRINCE DE SALERNE. Double red. PRINCESS BACHINACHI. sized flower; color red, white and pink. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

PROF. C. S. SARGENT. Full double peony formed flower, deep crimson. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

SOUV. DE HENRI GUICHARD. Pink and white variegated, fragrant, large. \$2.50.

TRICOLOR SIEBOLDI. Red, pink and white semi-double. \$2.50.

TUTCHERIA SPECTABILIS. Double crimson. \$2.50.





Pride of Dorking Azaleas under dogwoods; a beautiful border planting.

## **AZALEAS**

ZALEAS have been used for a number of years as hothouse plants in the East, and have been planted out-of-doors in the South for some time, but their real value as outdoor plants is just beginning to be appreciated. Azaleas can be used in practically any location where other shrubs are used, giving the desired effect as evergreens, and at blooming time furnish a riot of color unsurpassed by any other group of plants. They should become more and more a part of every home planting. During blooming season, practically no other plants are in bloom. Azaleas begin blooming in March and continue through April into May. They may be moved when in full bloom—in fact, at any season of the year.

It's a good idea to order Azaleas as soon as possible in the fall and winter, so that they may become well established by spring. There is no danger of their not blooming because of transplanting.

No Flowering Shrub is so outstanding, so surpassingly beautiful when in bloom as is azalea. Often practically all the leaves are hidden by the flowers in their riot of color—azaleas may be had in purple-pink, salmon pink, orange red, red flame, deep pink, red, white and light pink colors. There are a number of varieties of azaleas of different shadings of the same color, so that they offer a wider range of shades and colors than any flowering, plant suited to the South. The blooming season may also be lengthened considerably by the selection of several varieties.

The Indian azaleas have the added advantage of being evergreen, so that even when they are not in flower their attractive foliage is an addition to any landscape. Azaleas can be grown successfully along the seacoast of the middle Atlantic states with a little protection to keep the bloom buds from being injured by cold—and very successfully along the coast from Charleston to South Central Florida and around the Gulf Coastal section to Texas, without any protection whatever.

Azaleas are very easy to transplant and have few cultural requirements. Azalea roots like a cool soil, and should be planted in a partial shade, at least until the plants become large enough to shade their own roots. They may then be planted in full sun to advantage. Azaleas thrive in an acid soil. Where planted in a region in which the soil is alkali, it is advisable to dig out a good large hole and fill it in with leaf mold or woods earth. The peaty muck found in and around old ponds is very desirable. Where this is not obtainable,

or where azaleas have already been planted in an alkali soil, a small amount of aluminum sulphate, 1 pound to 30 square feet, will be found beneficial. Fertilize lightly about twice a year with cottonseed meal and tankage. Azaleas like a moist soil but it must be well drained.

Do not cultivate around azaleas. Their roots are right on the surface of the ground and any cultivation would be likely to cut a number of feed roots. If weeds appear, pull them up.

Azaleas may be used in almost any location where any other dwarf evergreen could be used. It is attractive in the foundation planting in front of the taller plants; in formal or informal beds, using colors which blend well; in hedges—in fact, anywhere where its beauty may be seen and appreciated.

Practically all of the famous gardens of the South—among them Middleton Place Gardens and Magnolia Gardens near Charleston, Wormsloe Gardens in Savan-



Azaleas bordering the main drive at the estate of Mr. A. B. MacClay, near Tallahassee, Fla.



Hinodigiri Azalea.

nah—have used Azaleas as their outstanding feature. While few of us can hope to have gardens on such a pretentious scale, all of us may, by the planting of Azaleas, have just as lovely a garden on a smaller scale.

#### **GROUP I**

The faster growing varieties of Azalea Indica, generally characterized by large leaves, hairy underneath, and medium to large flowers.

PHOENICIA. Similar in form and habit of growth to Formosa, although with blossoms a little smaller than Formosa. Early.

FORMOSA. The purple-pink variety so satisfactory in the Southern States. Large single flowers; leaves dark green. Very easy to grow and very vigorous.

ELEGANS. A light clear pink with lustrous green bleaves; its shadings are very delicate. Early bleomer and very desirable.

VITATTA FORTUNII. A strong open growing Azalea; flowers very variable, changing from pure white with faint lavender stripes to a pale lavender. Sometimes a plant may produce flowers of only one color, or they may be mixed on the bush.

WILLIAM BULL. The salmon pink blossoms of this azalea resemble in shape the Sweetheart Roses. The plant grows tall and open.

#### PRICES GROUP I

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#### **GROUP II**

Medium growers, generally more compact than Group 1, and therefore showier when in bloom. Leaves deep green color.

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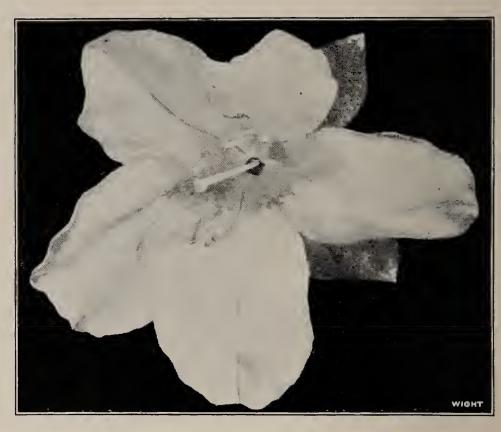
- AMERICAN BEAUTY. A compact growing azalea, producing large "American Beauty" pink blossoms. A very satisfactory plant.

  BRILLIANT. This variety has flowers of medium size of deep rose-pink. Blooms in midseason. An excellent compact, bushy grower.
- COCCINEA MAJOR. Large flowers of orange, red color. Early.
- red; strong grower, blooms DIXIE. Salmon early.
- DUC de ROHAN. A free blooming dense growing type of Azalea. Fine flowers of salmon
- **IELDERS WHITE.** The most satisfactory white azalea; has large blossoms of pure white. Bush vigorous, compact grower. Excellent for grouping with other colors. FIELDERS
- **GEORGE FRANC.** Unusually large flowers colored bright rose. One of the handsomest of all azaleas. Early.
- GLORY OF SUNNINGHILL. Large scarlet flowers with a shading of orange. Late.
- IVERYANA. White flowers striped with rose.
- PRIDE OF DORKING. A rather slow growing variety of azalea which blossoms late in the season; flowers a very deep pink which is especially pleasing.
- PRINCE OF WALES. A free flowering early variety of rose-red.
- RED FLAME. A very brilliant red which flowers early in April. This is one of the most vigorous varieties, and may be seen at Magnolia Gardens the size of small trees. A most desirable plant.
- SALMON PINK. Soft salmon pink; medium grower, mid-season bloomer.

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Red Flame Azalea

#### **GROUP III**

The slowest growing variety of Azalea Indica, also selected varieties of Kurume Azaleas. The varieties constituting this group may be considered dwarfs. This group, although slow growing, is probably the most spectacular of the whole Azalea family when in bloom. Flowers generally are small, but produced in profusion.

- AMOENA. Hardy and very popular in the North; small hose-in-hose pink flowers, with shadings of purple; leaves small, dark lustrous green. Tall grower. At Cairo blooms in fall or early winter.
- CHERRY BLOSSOM. Dainty hose-in-hose flowers. Light pink, deep green foliage.
- CHRISTMAS CHEER. Brilliant red flowers, hose-in-hose; foliage small dark green, very compact. An early red variety.
- coral bell. A pleasing coral pink color shading deeper towards center. The flower, very dainty and produced profusely. Hose-in-Hose type. Low, compact growing.
- FIRE. A Kurume Azalea, compact, with very green leaves; flowers fiery red.
- FLAME. Single large flower of brick dust red, blooms very early, upright, vigorous grower.
- popular, and deservingly so. Foliage deep rich green; the plant is dwarf and very compact. When in bloom the foliage can hardly be seen for the bright carmine flowers which cover the entire plant. An early bloomer which holds its blossoms for several weeks. A most satisfactory variety which we recommend heartily. Hardy at New York.
- MACRANTHA. Single flowering. Large flower of clear pink, very late, low headed, compact.
- ORANGE BEAUTY. Good size flower of orange red color. Mid-season, compact.
- PEACH BLOW. Single, pale shade of peach blossom pink. Mid-season, very fine.
- PINK PEARL. Flowers light pink, borne in large clusters in mid-season. A tall and vigorous grower.

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SNOW. When in full bloom, the foliage is practically hidden by the mass of white blossoms, making the plant resemble a ball of snow. One of the most showy white azaleas. A Kurume with compact habit of growth.

#### PRICES

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| 1 | Year | 4-6   | in | <br>.\$ .20 | \$1.75 | \$15.00     |
| 2 | Year | 6-8   | in | <br>35      | 3.00   | 25.00       |
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